

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 23 and 24.

Amend claims 1, 11, 17 and 22 as shown below in the entire set of pending claims. Underlines indicate insertions; ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

1 1. (Currently amended) A customer profiling apparatus for
2 conducting customer telephone behavior pattern analysis on telephone call
3 records including telephone call data, comprising:
4 processing circuitry operative to process customer telephone call
5 records;
6 a data warehouse coupled with the processing circuitry and
7 configured to store the processed customer telephone call records;
8 an OnLine Analytical Processing (OLAP) based scalable profiling
9 engine communicating with the data warehouse and operative to build and
10 update customer behavior profiles by mining the customer telephone call records
11 that flow into the data warehouse; and
12 at least one computer program, performed by the profiling engine,
13 and operative to define behavior profiles defined at least in part by probability
14 distributions, using data from the telephone call records, as data cubes and
15 derive similarity measures on patterns extracted from the behavior profiles;
16 wherein the behavior profiles are provided as two input calling
17 pattern cubes, C_1 and C_2 , and a similarity cube, C_s , is an output of a comparison
18 between C_1 and C_2 , wherein the similarity cube, C_s , represents a pair of
19 corresponding sub-cubes of C_1 and C_2 , and wherein C_1 and C_2 are count-cubes,
20 a sub-cube is treated as a bag, and cell-wise comparison results are summarized
21 based on bag overlap.

1 2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the profiling
2 engine comprises a commercial data warehouse server and a multi-dimensional
3 OLAP server.

1 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the profiling
2 engine implements multi-level, multi-dimensional pattern analysis and
3 comparison.

1 5. (Cancelled)

1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein similarity
2 measures are defined and computed on the patterns extracted from the behavior
3 profiles.

1 7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the computer
2 program is further operative to compare the data cubes with similarity measures
3 identifying fraud so as to extract fraud detection from the behavior profiles.

1 8. (Cancelled)

1 9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 behavior profiles are analyzed against a personalized threshold to detect caller
3 fraud.

1 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the customer
2 records comprise customer call records, the profiling engine builds and updates
3 customer calling behavior profiles by mining the customer call records, and the
4 computer program derives similarity measures on patterns extracted from the
5 call behavior profiles.

1 11. (Currently amended) A profiling apparatus, comprising:
2 a data warehouse for storing customer records including telephone
3 call data;
4 a profiling engine configured to communicate with the data
5 warehouse and operative to generate customer telephone calling behavior
6 profiles from the customer records within the data warehouse, the profiling
7 engine being configured to define customer telephone calling behavior profiles
8 using probability distributions, and to compute the customer telephone calling
9 behavior profiles using OLAP operations on multi-dimensional and multi-level
10 data cubes, one multi-level data cube being a profile cube, another multi-level
11 data cube being a profile-snapshot cube, and yet another data cube being a
12 profile cube formed by merging together the profile cube and the profile-
13 snapshot cube; and
14 a computer application program implemented on the profiling
15 engine and operative to represent behavior profiles as patterns, using the
16 telephone call data, and derive similarity measures of the patterns usable to
17 profile customer behavior and detect fraud by deriving calling pattern cubes from
18 the profile cubes using a probability distribution-based calling pattern, treating a
19 sub-cube as a bag, and summarizing cell-wise comparison results based on bag
20 overlap.

1 12-15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein
2 the updated profile cube is stored within a profile table of the data warehouse
3 such that subsequent customer profiling utilizes customer records from the data
4 warehouse comprising the updated profile cube.

1 17. (Currently amended) A method for comparing customer
2 behavior patterns, comprising:
3 providing call data in the form of call data records to a data
4 warehouse;

5 loading the call data records into a multidimensional database of an
6 OLAP server;
7 maintaining profiles by staging data between the data warehouse
8 and the OLAP multidimensional database;
9 generating a profile-snapshot cube accommodating multiple
10 customers;
11 in combination with generating the profile-snapshot cube,
12 generating a profile cube for the same set of customers from the data
13 warehouse;
14 updating the profile cube by merging the profile cube with the
15 profile-snapshot cube; ~~and~~
16 storing the updated profile cube in the data warehouse; and
17 deriving similarity measures of patterns usable to profile customer
18 behavior and detect fraud by deriving calling pattern cubes from the updated
19 profile cube using a probability distribution-based calling pattern, treating a sub-
20 cube as a bag, and summarizing cell-wise comparison results based on bag
21 overlap.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the data
2 warehouse comprises profile tables configured to store the profile cube.

1 19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the
2 updated profile cube is subdivided into a plurality of individual calling pattern
3 cubes, each representative of individual customers, and further comprising
4 comparing calling patterns that have been derived from customer calling
5 behavior profiles.

1 20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 further
2 comprising the steps of reporting, analyzing, and visualizing of one of the calling
3 pattern cubes for an individual customer.

1 21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 further
2 comprising retrieving profile tables to generate the profile cubes, retrieving call

3 data tables to create profile-snapshot cubes that have a same dimension of a
4 profile cube to facilitate merging by addition, deriving individual customer-based
5 calling pattern cubes from the profile cubes, analyzing individual calling patterns
6 in multiple dimensions and multiple levels, and computing a similarity of calling
7 patterns that belong to different customers or to a same customer over different
8 profiling periods.

1 22. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a
2 cell of C_s ~~C_s~~ is mapped into a pair of corresponding sub-cubes of C₁ and C₂.

1 23-24. (Cancelled)